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## Measures of Labour Underutilisation

### MEASURES OF LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION

Your comments are sought on the usefulness of a series of supplementary measures of labour underutilisation. These are contained in the Information Paper **Measures of Labour Underutilisation** (Cat. no. 6296.0). Together with unemployment statistics, these measures provide a broad view of existing and potential labour resources and the extent to which they are being utilised. They will be compiled on an annual basis and will be included in

publications from mid-2002 onwards. Your comments are also welcome on the priorities for future development work. Please contact Harry Kroon, Labour Market Section, on 02 6252 6753, email [harry.kroon@abs.gov.au](mailto:harry.kroon@abs.gov.au)

## **Labour Theme Page on ABS Website**

### **LABOUR THEME PAGE ON ABS WEB SITE**

A new Labour Theme Page will be available on the ABS Web Site at the end of March. This will provide easy access to labour related data and metadata. Also available will be details about new products, changes in current products and data release dates. The theme page will include a catalogue of data products, key labour market data, links to other output and related metadata, links to articles, information papers and reference material. Links to other relevant web sites will also be available. Once it is operating, your comments are sought on the theme page and possible enhancements to it. Please contact Brendan Brady, Labour Market Section, on 02 6252 5593 email [brendan.brady@abs.gov.au](mailto:brendan.brady@abs.gov.au)

## **Environment**

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Feedback is welcome on a Waste Account currently being compiled by ABS. We are also seeking information on data sources relating to waste and how ABS can better link into the data collection activities of other organisations. The focus is on collecting data on solid waste which includes both hazardous and non-hazardous waste streams. Data on landfills, recycling activity, the cost of waste management and the international trade and movement of waste will be included where available. Please contact Mark Nelson on (02) 6252 7890 or email [mark.nelson@abs.gov.au](mailto:mark.nelson@abs.gov.au)

## **Social Capital**

### **SOCIAL CAPITAL**

ABS work on social capital is the subject of an information session planned for May 2002. The ABS is seeking to contribute to current discussion by developing some useful measures of social capital. The session will cover the history, the projects being undertaken in ABS and their expected outputs, the consultation process and the potential for collections in the next few years. For more information or to attend the information session please contact Elizabeth Pogson on (02) 9268 4212 or email [elizabeth.pogson@abs.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.pogson@abs.gov.au)

## **Statistical Training**

### **STATISTICAL TRAINING**

The ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy section is running a wide range of training courses throughout the year. Courses offered over the year include:

- **Introduction to Statistics** - 9-11 April
- **Turning Data Into Information** - 30 April-1 May, 3-4 September
- **Basic Survey Design** - 21-22 May
- **Introduction to Sampling Techniques** - 25-26 June
- **Analysing Survey Data Made Simple** - 23-24 July
- **Principles of Questionnaire Design** - 13-14 August

Training courses can also be tailored to meet the specific needs of your organisation. For further information on these or tailored courses please contact the Training Coordinator on (02) 92684451, or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au)

## **Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities**

### **HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES**

**Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities, 2001** (Cat. no. 4710.0) is expected to be released on 30 April. It will provide data on the current housing stock and management practices and financial arrangements of Indigenous organisations that provide housing to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It will also include data on housing and related infrastructure such as water, electricity, sewerage, drainage and solid waste disposal, as well as other facilities available in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities such as transport, communication, education, sport and health services.

It will include time series information with data from the previous (1999) survey and maps showing the distribution of Indigenous housing organisations and discrete communities across Australia. Further information from Cathy Williams on (02) 6252 7996, email [cathy.williams@abs.gov.au](mailto:cathy.williams@abs.gov.au)

## **Multi-Purpose Household Survey**

### **MULTI-PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY**

The Multi-Purpose Household Survey (MPHS) will now use different survey vehicles to collect information. All topics which were to be included in the proposed 2003 MPHS have been allocated to the 2002 General Social Survey and the 2002-03 Survey of Income and Housing Costs, specifically:

- The 2002 General Social Survey (GSS) will now include: Participation in sport and physical activities, attendance at culture and leisure venues and activities and household use of information technology.
- The 2002-03 Survey of Income and Housing Costs (SIHC) will now include gambling.

Additional data items will continue to be collected in future General Social Surveys planned

for 2006 and 4 yearly thereafter and in future Surveys of Income and Housing Costs planned for 2003-04 and biennially thereafter. In 2004-05, it is anticipated that the Multi Purpose Household Survey will be conducted using a survey of 14,000 households within the regular Labour Force Survey program. For further information contact Kate Wright on (02) 6252 6504 or email [kate.wright@abs.gov.au](mailto:kate.wright@abs.gov.au)

## Measuring Australia's Progress

### MEASURING AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS

**Measuring Australia's Progress (Cat. no. 1370.0)** will be launched on 4 April. It is a new release which will present data about Australia's progress across the economic, social and environmental fronts during the 1990s. It will consider some of the key aspects of progress side by side and discuss how they are linked. It will provide a national summary of many of the most important areas of progress. We hope it will inform and stimulate public debate. Further information from Jon Hall on (02) 6252 7221 or email [jon.hall@abs.gov.au](mailto:jon.hall@abs.gov.au)

## 2001 Census

### 2001 CENSUS

The first release of 2001 Census data will be launched in June 2002 with the release of **Selected Social and Housing Characteristics, Australia** (Cat. no. 2015.0). This will contain data for all Statistical Divisions and Sub-divisions in each State and Territory. The launch will signal the general availability of first release Census data including ancestry, individual income, Internet use, family type and tenure type. Census pages on the ABS Web Site will contain a wide range of data. Information can also be obtained by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au)

**The 2001 Directory of Census Statistics** (Cat. no. 2910.0) has been released. This provides a reference to the range of products and services which will be available from data collected in the 2001 Census. Information in the directory includes release dates for 2001 Census products, detailed product descriptions, prices and contact details, an index of all census data items available and explanations of all common census terms. Further information from Bernie Fitzpatrick on (02) 6252 7869 or email [bernie.fitzpatrick@abs.gov.au](mailto:bernie.fitzpatrick@abs.gov.au)

## Education

### EDUCATION

Summary statistics for NSW will be included in **Education and Work, Australia, May 2001**, (Cat. no. 6227.0) due for release on 22 March. This publication was Previously titled **Transition from Education to Work, Australia**. It will contain summary statistics for NSW on persons enrolled in a course of study, level of highest educational attainment and

persons starting or leaving a course of study leading to a qualification. More detailed information at the State and national level on participation in education, educational attainment, apprenticeships and transition between education and work is available by contacting James Ashburner on (02) 6252 7934, email [james.ashburner@abs.gov.au](mailto:james.ashburner@abs.gov.au)

NSW data will be included in **Education and Training Experience, Australia, 2001** (Cat. no. 6278.0), due for release on 31 May 2002. This data will cover level of highest educational attainment, level of current study, number of work-related training courses completed in the last 12 months, training course outcomes and education and training characteristics. Other data available on request includes work history (occupation and industry), completed qualifications, details of training courses completed, training outcomes, access to education and training, employer support and unmet demand. Further information from John Sant on (02) 6252 6577, email [john.sant@abs.gov.au](mailto:john.sant@abs.gov.au)

## **Regional Statistics NSW**

### **REGIONAL STATISTICS NSW**

**Regional Statistics NSW** (Cat. no. 1362.1) is due for release in May. It will contain data for Statistical Divisions and for each Local Government Area in NSW. This data will include population, births, deaths, building activity, tourist accommodation, businesses on the register, local government finances and other socioeconomic indicators. It will also contain social indicators and labour force data by region for NSW. Further information from Allan McLean on (02) 9268 4609, email [allan.mclean@abs.gov.au](mailto:allan.mclean@abs.gov.au)

## **2002 New South Wales Yearbook**

### **2002 NEW SOUTH WALES YEARBOOK**

The **2002 New South Wales Yearbook** (Cat. no. 1300.1) will be released on 21 March. It will include extensive information about New South Wales in the form of text, tables, maps, and graphs. Topics to be covered include history, physical environment, government, demography, social welfare, education and training, health, crime and justice, labour, transport, communication and information technology, housing and construction, agriculture, mining and energy, manufacturing, service industries and finance and commerce. Further information from Katy White on (02) 9268 4436 or email [katy.white@abs.gov.au](mailto:katy.white@abs.gov.au)

## **Selected Releases December 2001 to February 2002**

### **SELECTED RELEASES DECEMBER 2001 TO FEBRUARY 2002**

To order ABS publications please contact the Bookshop on (02) 9268 4620.

For the ABS National Information Service call 1300 135 070.

1301.1	Yearbook Australia, 2002 (84.00)
3218.0	Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, 2000-2001 (\$32.00)

4221.0	Schools, Australia, 2001 (\$21.00)
4509.1	Crime and Safety, New South Wales, April 2001 (\$18.00)
5678.0	Venture Capital, Australia, 2000-2001 (\$19.00)
6285.0	Involvement in Organised Sport and Physical Activity, Australia, April 2001 (\$22.00)
6310.0	Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia (\$26.00)
6345.0	Wage Cost Index, Australia, Dec 2001 (\$19.50)
6354.0	Job Vacancies, Australia, November 2001 (\$18.50)
6427.0	Producer Price Indexes, Australia, November 2001 (\$23.00)
8127.0	Characteristics of Small Business, Australia, 2001 (\$24.00)
8153.0	Internet Activity, Australia, September 2001 (\$21.00)
8155.0	Australian Industry, 1999-2000 (\$22.00)
8301.0	Manufacturing Production, Australia, Dec 2001 (\$18.00)
9314.0	Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Jan 2002 (Available as Electronic Publication Only) (\$18.00)

## Selected Expected Releases March and April 2002

### SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES MARCH AND APRIL 2002

Release dates for publications can be obtained from the ABS Web Site at [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

On the Welcome Page go to [Releases out soon](#).

1139.0.55.001	Directory of Construction Statistics, 2000 - Web Site Version
1300.1	New South Wales Year Book, 2002 (\$49.00)
1353.0	Integrated Regional Data Base (IRDB), Australia, 2002 (PoA)
1370.0	Measuring Australia's Progress, 2002 (\$45.00)
1373.1	Teleworking, New South Wales, October 2001 (\$19.00)
3101.0	Australian Demographic Statistics, September 2001 (\$23.00)
4517.0	Prisoners in Australia, 2001 (\$23.00)
5250.0	Australian Business Expectations, June 2002 and March 2003 (\$22.00)
5506.0	Taxation Revenue, Australia, 2000-2001 (\$19.50)
5609.0	Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia, January 2002 (\$19.00)
6248.0	Wage and Salary Earners, Australia, December 2001 (\$21.00)
6523.0	Income Distribution, Australia, 2000-2001 (\$25.00)
8129.0	Business Use of Information Technology, 2000-2001 (\$20.00)
8156.0	Experimental Estimates, Australian Industry, a State Perspective, 1999-2000 (\$21.00)
8501.0	Retail Trade, Australia, January 2002 (\$19.50)
8635.1.40.001	Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, New South Wales, December 2001 (\$53.00)

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